

Minutes

Abuse Committee Governor's Commission on Senior Services April 26, 2007 Department of Human Services

Attendees: Peggie Beck (Chair), Jeff Brandon (Vice-Chair), Elaine Barrett, Marilyn Hinds, Kay Kirkbride, Lucy Morgan, Kathleen Schonau

Excused/Absent: Eunice Dutton (E), Millie Salt (E),

Guests: Remona Simpson

Staff: Marc Overbeck, Wendy Russell

Called Meeting to Order 1:00

Review Agenda: Approval of minutes to be added to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to accept. Kay/Marilyn. Passed.

Announcements: Kay reported that Lucy, Marilyn and herself attended the Undue Influence training in Washington County earlier this month. The keynote speaker was a prosecuting attorney from San Francisco. Marilyn noted that it was very interesting to learn how long the cases take to go to court and the level of investigation needed.

Jeff would like copies of all laws/statutes relating to adult abuse. He would also like a general presentation from adult protective services.

The Legislature hopes to end the session by June 29th. Seniors and People with Disabilities' Ways & Means presentation is going on right now, Charles Kurtz as well as others are testifying on the behalf of the Commission.

Jan Karlen presented at the last Alzheimer's Network meeting about the revised rules regarding dementia care.

Lucy asked that all agendas include the names of the organizations the presenters are from.

Everyday Heroes Report

Marilyn Hinds

There was a panel on elder abuse, which included Everyday Heroes, at the OSU Gerontology Conference and it was very well attended.

The Everyday Heroes partnership is now meeting bimonthly. The next meeting will be held May 10th at 1 p.m. at the Oregon Bankers Association, 777 13th St. in Salem.

There has become an increased interest in presentations regarding the Everyday Heroes program. Marilyn gave a presentation this morning to the Oregon Alliance for Retired Americans.

Everyday Heroes is still looking into becoming a 501c3 non-profit organization and is looking for some volunteers who have a legal and accounting background to put it together.

Marilyn asked that members continue to give her updated information regarding organizations involve in elder abuse prevention/intervention in their areas.

Preventing and Intervention Report Remona Simpson/Valerie Eames

Valerie showed a video that is presented at the banker's trainings that she has given through out the state. She left a copy of the printed information as well as a copy of the DVD for GCSS to keep in their resource room. Valerie answered various questions from members.

Protective Proceedings Report Jeff Brandon

GCSS did present testimony asking for what the Governor recommended for the Long Term Care Ombudsman budget. We have not heard an update. HB3342, which is the bill regarding grants to counties for public conservator/guardianship, has passed out of committee and is waiting to be heard in Yays & Means.

Marc answered questions about senior companions/forster grandparents and RSVP funding bills and where they are in the legislative process.

Agenda for Next Meeting

The AG's taskforce regarding elder abuse will meet again on May 30th

Jeff has asked for a copy of all abuse laws/statutes.

It was agreed that next month's agenda ought to include follow-up on most of what was discussed at this meeting.

Adjourn: 2:52